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SUBJECT: UNEP OZONE MEETING

REF: NAIROBI 14174

1. AS DISCUSSED DURING BESTUL VISIT IN NOVEMBER, U.S.
WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND TO NAIROBI EARLY IN 1977 ONE OR
POSSIBLY TWO EXPERTS TO HELP UNEP (AND ITS SCIENTIFIC
CONFERENCE OFFICER) MAKE FINAL SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS
FOR THE MARCH OZONE MEETING. (UNEP REACTION TO THIS
POSSIBILITY WAS VERY POSITIVE IN NOVEMBER.)

2. PERMREP IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS OFFER WITH APPROPRIATE
UNEP OFFICIAL(S) AND BOVILLE, STATING THAT WE WOULD PRO-
POSE TO SEND MRS. CAROL BASTIAN TO NAIROBI FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 23 - FEBRUARY 3, IF THAT IS AGREEABLE TO UNEP.
(FYI: FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, WE THINK THE ASSISTANCE
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WHICH AN EXPERT LIKE MRS. BASTIAN CAN RENDER WOULD BE
HIGHLY DESIRABLE, AND HOPE UNEP WILL ACCEPT THE OFFER.)
MRS. BASTIAN HAS FROM ITS INCEPTION BEEN CO-CHAIRPERSON

STRATOSPHERE (IMOS), WHICH, INTER ALIA, PRODUCED THE
LANDMARK REPORT ON "FLUOROCARBONS AND THE ENVIRONMENT" IN

JUNE 1975. SHE IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE POLICY ANALYST AND HEAD OF A WORKING GROUP ON EMERGING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.

3. IF UNEP BELIEVES IT APPROPRIATE AND DESIRABLE, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO TRY TO SEND A SECOND EXPERT TO ACCOMPANY MRS. BASTIAN. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT FIELD OR FIELDS SUCH A SECOND PERSON IDEALLY SHOULD BE PROFICIENT IN. ALSO, IF THERE IS INTEREST IN A SECOND PERSON, WE WOULD NEED TO KNOW IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, SINCE MAKING APPROPRIATE CONTACTS AND ARRANGEMENTS WOULD TAKE A FAIR AMOUNT OF TIME.

4. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT UNEP WILL AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FROM MRS. BASTIAN TO VISIT NAIROBI, MISSION IS REQUESTED TO MAKE FOLLOWING HOTEL RESERVATION FOR HER: NAIROBI HILTON FOR PERIOD SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 THRU NIGHT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2. (SHE IS BOOKED TO ARRIVE IN NAIROBI ON JANUARY 23 AT 0900 ON EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS NO. 675, AND DEPART FEBRUARY 3 ON PAN AM.)

5. ALSO ASSUMING THIS VISIT IS AGREEABLE, PERMREP REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT ARRANGE FOR HIMSELF AND BOVILLE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR A PHONE CALL, WHICH WE WOULD PLAN TO MAKE JANUARY 11 AT ABOUT 4 P.M. NAIROBI TIME. ALTERNATIVELY, PLEASE SUGGEST A DIFFERENT DAY/TIME. PURPOSE OF THE CALL WOULD BE DISCUSS WORK PROGRAM FOR MRS. BASTIAN, SO SHE COULD APPROPRIATELY PREPARE IN ADVANCE.
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